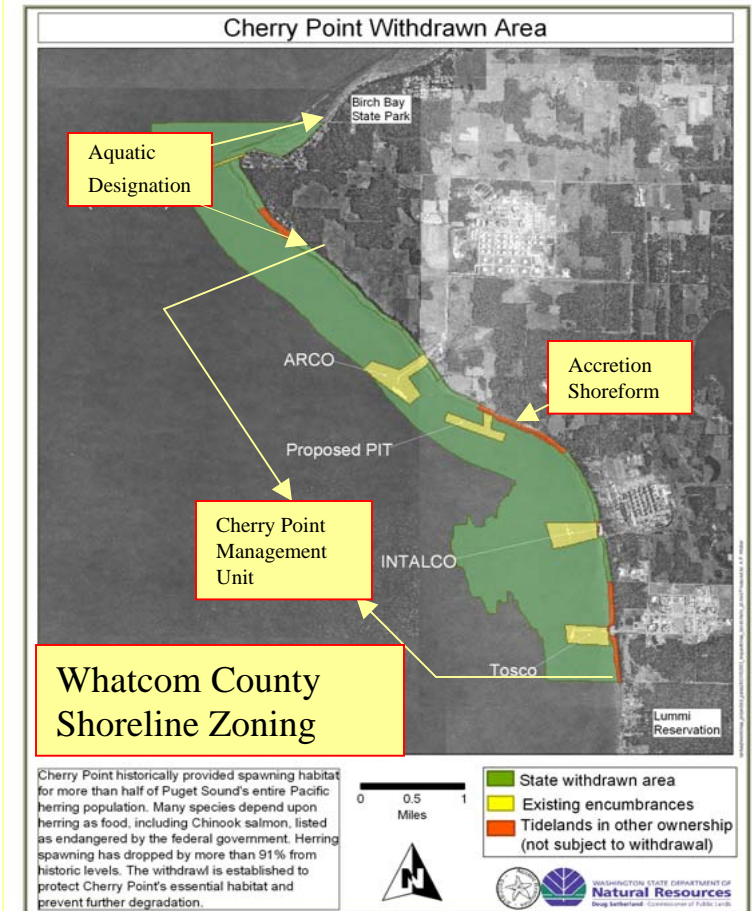
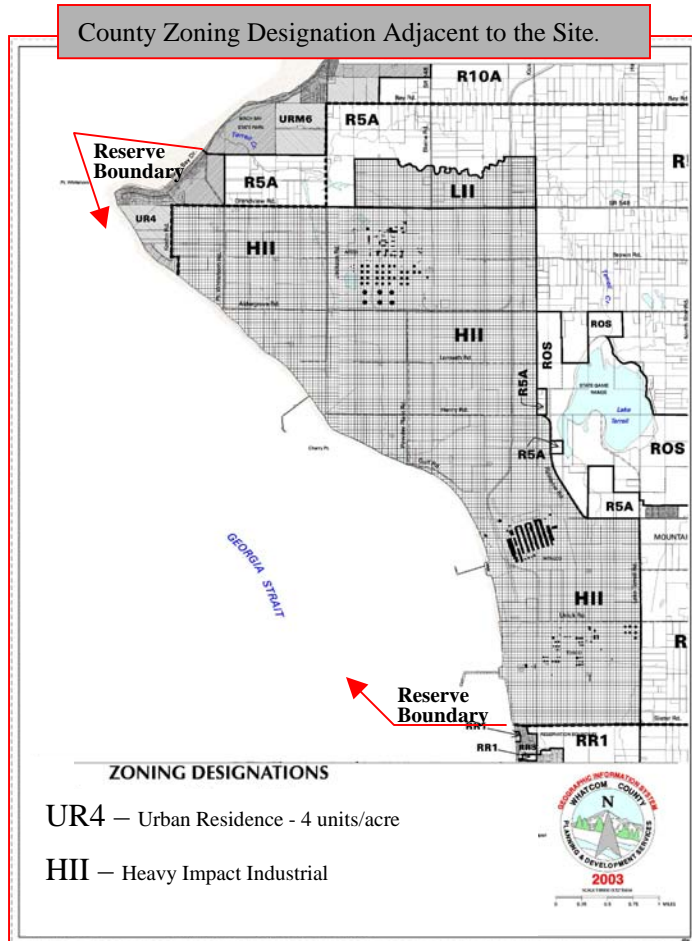


# Cherry Point Land Use



## Shoreline Zoning

**Aquatic Designation-** Development should be limited to those uses that are compatible with conservation of area resources, water dependent and benefit the community.

**Cherry Point Management Unit-** Floating public and private marine cargo transfer terminal facilities are the preferred use. Dredging and filling of facilities not associated with construction activities is prohibited.

**Accretion Shoreform-** Development is prohibited other than recreation development for public access and consistent with Aquatic Shoreline designation.

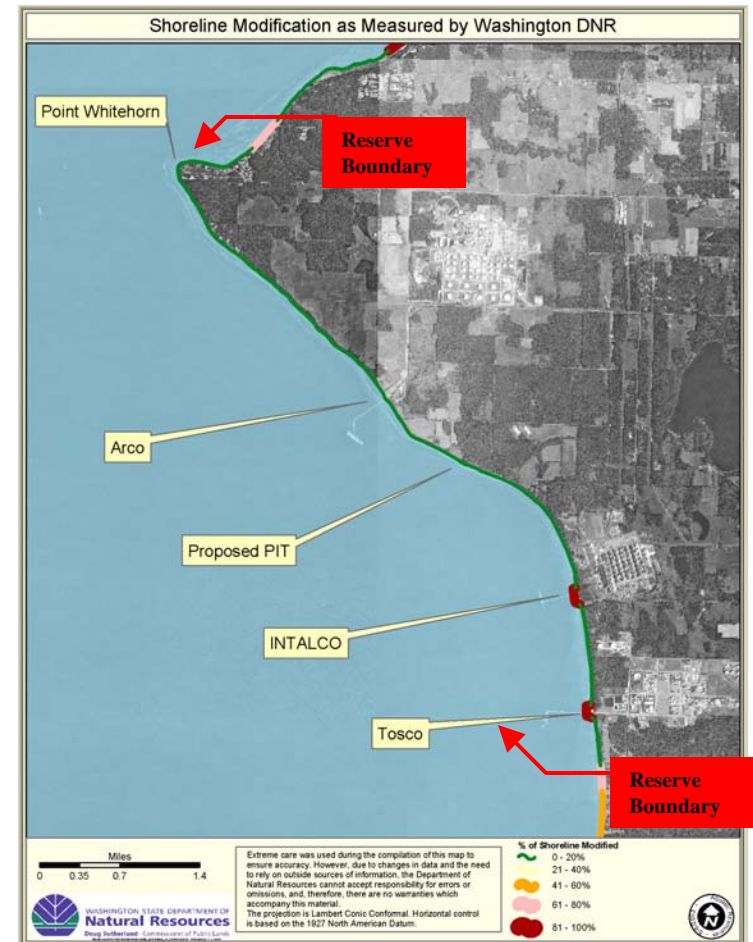
# Modifications

## Potential Sources of Nearshore Modifications

Adjacent residential upland development  
 Adjacent industrial upland development  
 Adjacent agricultural upland development  
 Over-water structures  
 Shoreline armoring  
 Slope/bank stabilization  
 In-water development (marinas, port facilities, boat ramps, marine repair facilities, etc.)  
 Sewer outfalls  
 Stormwater outfalls  
 Mooring buoys  
 Derelict vessels  
 Submerged vessels  
 Fill  
 Underwater disposal sites  
 Contaminated sediment  
 Dredged areas  
 Revetments  
 Piles  
 Nuisance species  
 Water Quality

These modifications could be  
 impacting the habitat values and  
 species identified for protection in the  
 Cherry Point Aquatic reserve.

1. Where do they exist?
2. What impacts are they having?
3. Which of these modifications need to be mitigated?
4. What changes are needed?



# Aquatic Reserve Management

## Management Planning

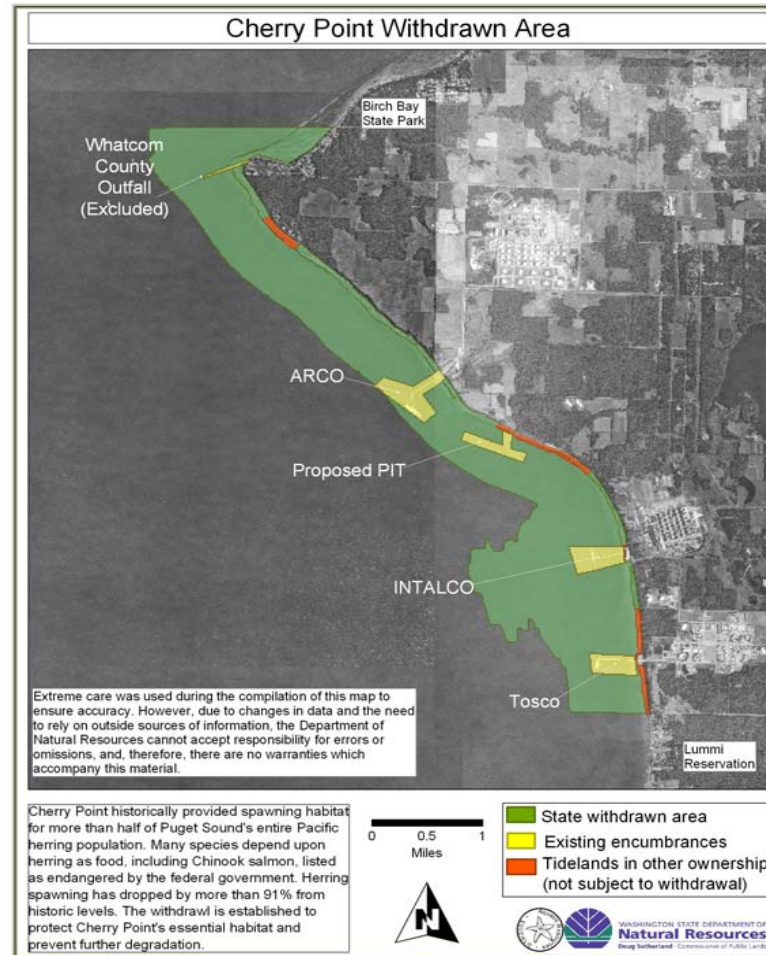
DNR will consult and coordinate with the following groups to develop a management plan and to assist in management of the site:

- Other state government agencies
- Local citizen groups
- Resource managers
- Business interests
- Commercial fishery interests
- User groups
- Environmental organizations
- Watershed councils/basin planning organizations

- Who in each group should be involved?
- Identify their role in:
  1. Developing the management plan, and
  2. Implementing the management plan

## Management Actions for Environmental Reserves

- Based on habitat and species considerations, restoration/recovery efforts and cultural resources.
- Provide for adequate protection mechanisms to conserve and/or improve biodiversity and ecosystem function.
- Include coordination with other entities.
- Access should be limited to those activities directed at conservation and restoration activities. Lease activities should primarily serve to achieve the objectives of environmental reserves.
- Reserve managers must work with local jurisdictions, regulatory agencies and adjoining landowners to minimize the impacts of off-site activities on the reserve.



## Cherry Point Site

### Description

The Cherry Point site includes the tidelands and bedlands along the western shore of Whatcom County. The site borders the Strait of Georgia, and extends from the southern boundary of Birch Bay State Park, around Point Whitehorn to the northern boundary of the Lummi Indian Reservation.

**Purpose:** To establish an Environmental Reserve for conservation to protect the site's essential habitat for Chinook salmon and the Cherry Point herring stocks and to prevent further habitat degradation.

Habitat	Species
Eelgrass	Herring
Kelp beds	Chinook salmon
Herring spawning substrate	
Salmon migration	